THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S.B.P.B.K. SATYANARAYANA RAO): (a) Yes, Sir. As per Agricultural Censuses 1970-71, 1976-77, 1980-81, 1985-86 and 1990-91, the average size per holding (in ha.) was 2.28, 2.00, 1.84, 1.69 and 1.55 respectively.

(b) As per Agricultural Census 1990-91, the total number of holdings having an area of less than two hectares in the country was 83.48 million.

(c) No such estimate for number of holdings for the year 1999-2000 is available.

Milk Production

†2303. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the production of milk in the country is highest as compared to other milk producing countries of the world;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that despite maximum availability of milk, its produced quantity is less than its requirement in the country; and

(d) whether Government would consider to curb the export of milk and its products; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

The Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) study indicates 220 gms. of milk per day per person as the recommended intake for Indians. The 1997-98 availability of milk is 204 gms. per day per person. However, the availability of milk per capita per day has steadily increased from 173 gms. in 1989-90 to 204 gms. in 1997-98.

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The gap between the requirement and the availability is decreasing over years and it is expected that in the near future we would reach 220 gms. per capita per day requirement.

(d) The Government has no proposed to curb the export of milk and milk products.

Scheme for reservoir and prawn farming

†2304. SHRI JHUMUK LAL BHENDIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Madhya Pradesh has submitted any proposal to Central Government for its clearance regarding the scheme of infrastructure development, scheme of reservoir and prawn farming and national welfare fund scheme for fishermen for the marketing of fish;

(b) if so, the names of the schemes sanctioned during the current year by the Ministry of Agriculture and by when the pending schemes will be sanctioned; and

(c) if not, the reasons thereof?

THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) to (c) The Government of Madhya Pradesh has not submitted any proposal during the current year for sanction under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored National Welfare of Fishermen Scheme. However, based on a proposal received from the State Government during 1998-99, a sum of Rs. 6.80 lakhs have been released to the State Government for construction of 140 houses and six tubewells under the Modern Fishermen Villages component of the aforesaid Scheme.

As regards schemes on Infrastructure Development, Reservoirs Fisheries and Prawn Farming no proposal has been received from the State Government during the current year. Further, the Ministry of Agriculture is presently not implementing any scheme on Infrastructural development, Reservoir Fisheries and Prawn Farming.

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